



Missouri June 1 Hog Inventory



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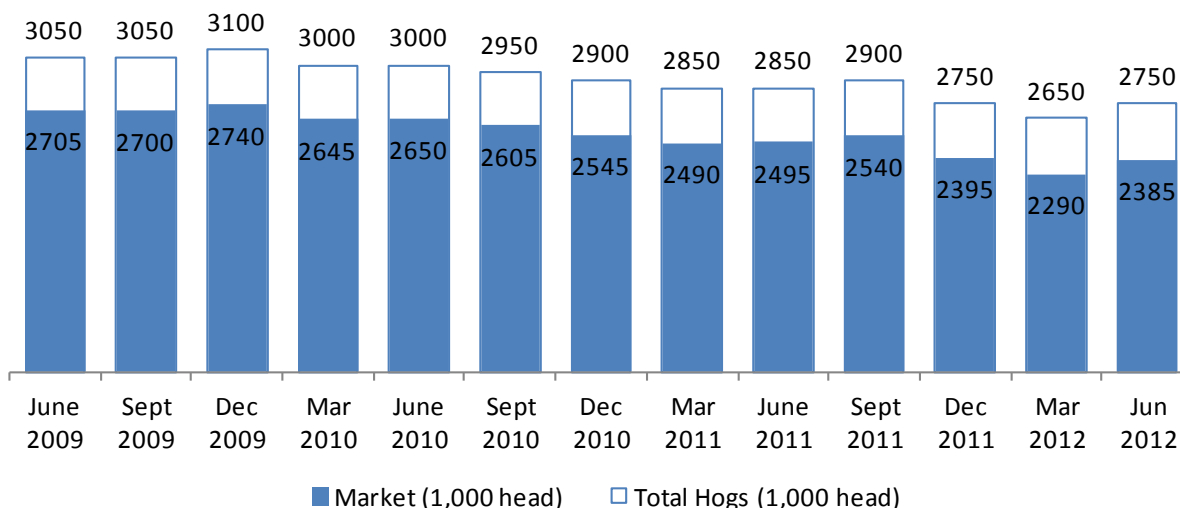
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Missouri Hog and Pig Inventory up from December

(COLUMBIA, Mo.) - The June 1, 2012 inventory of **Missouri hogs and pigs** is estimated at 2.75 million head according to the USDA's Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service. "Missouri hog inventory increased 100,000 over the March 1 estimate", said Robert Garino, Acting Director. "but the current heat and drought conditions around the state will pose a challenge to Missouri producers in the coming weeks." **Breeding hogs** are estimated at 365,000 head, unchanged from last year. **Market hogs** are estimated at 2.35 million head, down 4.4 percent from last year.

Quarterly Missouri Hog Inventory



Missouri hog producers **intend to farrow** 185,000 sows during June-August, 5000 head less than the number of heads that were actually farrowed during the same period a year earlier. During September-November, hog producers expect to farrow 190,000 sows, 5000 head more than the actual farrowings during the same period a year earlier.

The **March-May pig crop** is estimated at 1.906 million head, no change from the same period last year, but down 3.5 percent from last quarter's total estimated **pig crop**. **Farrowings**, at 185,000 sows, is unchanged from last year. **Pigs saved per litter** is at 10.3, also unchanged from the same quarter last year.

Missouri June Inventory 2010-2012
Sows Farrowing, Pig Crop, Inventory, and Pigs per Litter

	2010	2011	2012	Percent of Previous Year
Hogs & pigs kept for breeding	350,000	355,000	365,000	103
Hogs & pigs for market	2,650,000	2,495,000	2,385,000	96
<i>Under 50 pounds</i>	<i>1,145,000</i>	<i>1,045,000</i>	<i>1,035,000</i>	99
<i>50-119 pounds</i>	<i>635,000</i>	<i>615,000</i>	<i>595,000</i>	97
<i>120-179 pounds</i>	<i>435,000</i>	<i>430,000</i>	<i>400,000</i>	93
<i>180 pounds and over</i>	<i>435,000</i>	<i>405,000</i>	<i>355,000</i>	88
Hogs and pigs total	3,000,000	2,850,000	2,750,000	96
Pig crop	1,910,000	1,906,000	1,906,000	100
Pigs per litter	10.0	10.3	10.3	100

United States Hog Inventory up 1 Percent

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2012 was 65.8 million head. This was up 1 percent from June 1, 2011, and up 1 percent from March 1, 2012. **Breeding inventory**, at 5.86 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.0 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2012 pig crop, at 29.4 million head, was up 1 percent from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.92 million head, up slightly from 2011. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.09 for the March-May period, compared to 10.03 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the June-August 2012 quarter, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2011, and down 1 percent from 2010. Intended farrowings for September-November 2012, at 2.89 million sows, are down 1 percent from 2011, but up slightly from 2010.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 47 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up from 45 percent last year.

A random sample of roughly 8,000 United States producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all hog and pig producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large operations were sampled more heavily than small operations. During the first half of June 2012, data were collected from about 6,300 operations, 79 percent of the total sample. The data collected were received by electronic data reporting (EDR), mail, telephone, and face-to-face personal interviews. Regardless of when operations responded, they were asked to report inventories as of June 1, 2012.